Economic Impact Analysis

Section 699.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements

Creation or Elimination of Jobs, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California

The Department does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses, or the expansion of businesses in California, that will be subject to the proposed regulatory action (Increase in Fees for Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements, Section 699.5, Title 14, CCR) because: (1) this is an update to an existing fee structure by approximately 9.5 percent from 2009 to 2013; and (2) the proposed increase in fees will continue to constitute a minor share of total business operating costs for the affected parties. Fees are prorated by the total project cost. The share of LSA fees to total project costs range from about 0.65 percent to 6.1 percent. However, this regulatory action is to adjust LSA fees by the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) and thus only constitutes a negligible (0.20 percent) increase in the share of LSA fees to total project costs.

The total number of businesses affected by the proposed fee increase was estimated from the average number of Department LSA notifications received statewide in preceding years. The Department receives approximately 2,000 notifications annually from businesses, individual land owners, and state or local agencies. Identification of applicants by business sector or agency level would require an impractical detailed review of LSA records in each of the Department's six regions. Thus 2,000 is a high estimate of the total number of businesses impacted. Less than 50 percent are classified as small businesses per Government Code 11342.610.

Benefits of the Regulation

Benefits to the Environment: Sustainable Management of Lake and Streambed Resources

The Department anticipates benefits to the environment. It is the policy of the state to encourage the conservation and maintenance of lakes and streams, and the fish and wildlife resources that depend upon aquatic and riparian habitats, for their use and enjoyment by the public. The fee increases included in this rulemaking will enable the Department to recover costs for the permitting and inspection activities related to lake and streambed alteration agreements.

Health and Welfare of California Residents

The Department anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents through the protection of aquatic and riparian habitats and the fish and wildlife resources that depend upon them.

Benefits to Worker Safety
The Department does not anticipate any benefits to worker safety from the proposed regulations because the proposed regulations will not impact worker conditions.